(b) if so, the extent thereof as against the relief sought;

(c) the extent of foreign aid received and given to the Maharashtra Government for relief work and the actual amount of aid spent; and

(d) the works taken up with the aid and those which have been completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

An agreements for Maharashtra Emergency Earthquake Rehabilitation Project has been signed with the World Bank for an IDA Credit of $ 246.00 million.

In addition to the proposed World Bank assistance, some foreign countries other Orgaisation's have offered assistance by way of grants/commodity assistance worth Rs. 859.8 Crores, approximately. The proposed assistance would be utilised by Government of Maharashtra.

Involvement of S.B.I. Official in fraud

7545. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a senior official of the State Bank of India was found involved in a Rs. 60 crore bank fraud relating to a public sector undertaking involved in the production and development of Prithvi Missile;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) State Bank of India (SBI) had reported that a cheque of Rs. 60 crores drawn on Andhra Bank by M/s. Bharat Dynamics Ltd. (BDL) in favour of SBI Green Park Extension, New Delhi branch for investment in term deposits was received through an officer of the Branch. The proceeds of the cheque were credited to a current account opened in the name of M/s. Jaydees International and 3 Special Term Deposits (STDRs) for Rs. 20 crores each favouring the said firm were also issued by the branch. Subsequently, the firm requested, inter-alia, for a loan of of Rs. 15 crores against one of the STDRs and another STDR for Rs. 2,67,80,000 in favour of BDL. In view of the large amount involved, the matter was referred by the branch to the controlling office which alerted the branch to verify the genuineness of the transaction and he bonafides of the account holder. In the meanwhile an officer of M/s. Bharat Dynamics Ltd. contacted the branch for collecting the STDRs favouring the undertaking for issue of which it had issued the cheque of Rs. 60 crores. This brought the fraud to light. The bank has not suffered any loss. The bank has lodged an FIR with Delhi Police and the officer concerned in the branch has been arrested by the police and has also been placed under suspnsion by the bank.

Agenda drawn up by the Finance Ministry for PM's visit to USA

7546. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the major points of agenda drawn up by the Ministry of Finance for the Prime Minister's recent visit to USA;

(b) whether the Ministry are satisfied on the outcome of the Prime Minister's visit from the Ministry's point of view; and

(c) if so, on what counts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) There was no separate agenda of the Ministry of Finance during Prime Minister's recent visit to US Matters relating to strengthening of bilateral relations are normally discussed inter-Ministerially before all official visits of the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister's visit has been highly successful and led to an improved appreciation of each others points of view on matters relating to Indo-US economic relations.

Delay in Telegraphic Transfer of money by SBI

7547. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Telegraphic Transfer was sent from Nagpur Central Avenue Branch of the State Bank of India for Rs. Fifty Thousand on the 16th May, 1994 to Account No. 140117, State Bank of India, Parliament House Branch;

(b) whether the Parliament House Branch of the Bank had received the said T.T. and a telephone message from Nagpur but did not credit the said amount for five days;

(c) the names of persons on whom responsibility for this act of gross negligence, inefficiency dereliction of duty and mismanagement has been fixed and the action proposed against the errant officers;

(d) what compensation is proposed to be awarded to the concerned Member of Parliament because of the delay on the part of the bank; and

(c) whether such payment of compensation will be deducted from the salaries of the errant officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) State Bank of India (SBI) have reported that a telegraphic transfer (TT) for Rs. 50,000 was sent by their Central Avenue (Nagpur) branch on 17-5-94 for credit to the A/c No. 140117 maintained with SBI's Sub-office in Parliament House, New Delhi. The Sub-office of SBI at Parliament House is not authorised to receive telegraphic transfer telegrams which ar coded for safety and security. On receipt of the TT, the officer incharge immediately contacted telephonically bank's Central Avenue (Nagpur) branch. SBI have further reported that the Central Avende (Nagpur) branch sent another telegram on 18-5-94 to New Delhi Main Branch of SBI and telegraphically advised Parliament House Sub-office. With a view to avoid inconvenience to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, the officer incharge, Parliament House Sub-office afforded credit of Rs. 50,000 to the said account on 20-5-94 even though TT had not reached him by then.

(c) to (e) SBI have ordered an enquiry into the matter and further action would be taken by them on the basis of the findings. SBI have also stated that they have decided to pay interest for the delayed period as per Reserve Bank of India's guidelines after valuedating the T.T.

Loans by NABARD in Orissa

7548. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minsster of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NABARD has been giving agricultural loans to farmers;

(b) if so, the total amount of loan advanced by NABARD to different states during the last three years; and